(ii) 43 Zonal blood tests centres.

(iii) One AIDS unit at Grant Medical College and JJ Hospital Bombay of which Rs. 12.00 lakhs given by the Government to Maharashtra. The Government of India, in collaboration with the State Government has also identified Information, Education and Communication activities among persons practicing high risk behaviors and for which necessary Central Assistance has also been released to the State.

Under the Medium Term Plan, the Activity Plan of the Maharashtra State has already been approved by Government and funds for implementing the activities have already been released to State Government. For strengthening the programme management at the State level, the State Government has already agreed to establish a separate AIDS Control Cell to implement and monitor the programme activities.

Women Congress Meet for a Healthy Planet

4128. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem "Environment meet: Earnest ponderings amidst hijinks" appearing in Sunday Observer dated November 17-23, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet was organized at Miami, Florida (USA) from 8-12 November 1991 by the Women's Environment and Development Organisation (WEDO), a non government agency based in the United States of America. Government of India have not received any report or recommendation from this conference. Hence, question of follow up action by the Government does not arise.

Occupancy Rate in ITDC Hotels

4129. SHRI M.V. CHANDRA SEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the India Tourism Development Corporation hotels have not improved their performance and also have not achieved the target rate of occupancy in each of them despite joint business arrangements with some foreign firms;

(b) whether Hotel Ashok, New Delhi & Bangalore are equally not coming up in their performances while huge foreign exchange has been incurred by the above arrangements; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Tourism industry in the country has received a set back owing to disturbances in some parts of the country, the Gulf